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Thank you for your note of 20 July and for the reminder of the difficult days FBIS employees and their families suffered in the Turkish invasion of Cyprus 10 years ago.

The question of whether your wife was an employee on the payroll at the time of the Turkish invasion and thus eligible for an Agency award would be a technical one. The fact that you utilized her for maintaining the reporting was of course your decision to make at the time and I am not second-guessing your decision, but whether she was officially an employee would be difficult to determine after so many years. Much more important and much more to her credit, I think, is the fact that as your wife and a former employee she was available to help, that she plunged in and supported your operations voluntarily and without hesitation, and that she was able to assist at a vital juncture. Her role in this important operation, at a time of immense danger, was noted by Mr. Colby in his letter of 25 March 1975 which I think fully recognized the contribution she made.

I am very much aware of the courageous role that many of the wives of the FBIS employees played in that eventful period. I understand that many of them were forced to flee to the UN Camp in the Kyrenia mountains where they had to dodge napalm attacks and paratroop drops. Our records indicate that these wives behaved admirably under incredible stress; we have nothing but the greatest admiration for the courage of our Agency families in this unfortunate episode.

I am sure that you, as chief of the FBIS operation at Karavas, are proud of the performance of all of your employees and their families. The fact that your wife was able to help to such an extent is something that you and she can be very proud of. I wish you both good health and happiness in your retirement.

Sincerely,

/s/ William J. Casey

William J. Casey
Director of Central Intelligence

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: Robert W. Magee
Director of Personnel

SUBJECT: Letter from [] to DCI

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1. In late July you received a letter from [] FBIS Bureau Chief in Cyprus during the 1974 Cyprus War, in which he outlined some extraordinarily brave actions taken by his wife during the hostilities. [] went on to suggest that his wife, [] be considered for the Intelligence Star.

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2. We asked FBIS to review the case and determine if an award would be appropriate. [] FBIS Director, went so far as to cable [] who was [] Deputy in Cyprus. I have attached John's reply and its attachments. Briefly, John states that there were many other dependents who suffered under equally hazardous conditions and, notwithstanding the fact that [] was designated by [] as a temporary employee, were equally deserving of recognition. [] was recognized by then-DCI Colby as you will note in the letter at Tab B.

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3. John doesn't think further recognition is warranted and has prepared a reply from you to [] It is attached for your signature.

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Robert W. Magee

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Personnel

ATTENTION: [] Executive Officer 25X1

FROM: []
Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service

SUBJECT: Letter From [] to DCI 25X1

REFERENCE: Your Routing Sheet of 16 Aug 84, Same Subject

Bob:

1. [] an FBIS retiree, was chief of the FBIS Mediterranean Bureau at Karavas, Cyprus, in July 1974 when the Turkish Army invaded Cyprus. I do not doubt that his wife [] was designated by him to help and pitched in at the bureau at the time of the invasion, inasmuch as she was an experienced FBIS editor. However, she was not formally employed; although cleared for part-time, gratis service as a secretary, she was not on the payroll. no personnel actions were cut, and no contracts were signed. [] current letter is attached as TAB A. 25X1

2. This matter was first considered in 1974. At that time it was clear that [] was not really employed as a Staff employee, but in view of her voluntary assistance in both an operational and humanitarian sense it was decided that the best recognition for her service would be a letter from the DCI to her personally, recognizing her role. This is attached as TAB B. I think it still remains the proper recognition, and that an award is not legally appropriate, nor would it be appropriate in any case in view of the heroism of many of the other FBIS wives. 25X1

3. I have attached as TAB C an exchange of cables between me and [] who is now the Chief of the FBIS Okinawa Bureau and, in 1974, was Deputy Chief of the Mediterranean Bureau, or second-in-command to []. In the days of the invasion [] as was programmed in the Emergency and Evacuation Planning, was in charge of the employees and dependents, taking them from the town of Kyrenia to the hills near the UN Camp. These employees and dependents underwent constant bombing, napalm attacks, Turkish paratroop drops, and other activities that required great courage and poise. Several were severely threatened 25X1

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and one was wounded. Appropriate awards were made to all employees. Both the contingent at the bureau and the employees/dependents in the Kyrenia hills were eventually evacuated by the British Navy. As [] indicates, any further recognition to [] would only complicate the problem of recognizing the role of the other wives and dependents.

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4. I have attached as TAB D a letter which Mr. Casey can send to [] I believe it is kind yet firm. This matter must be brought to an end. Unfortunately I doubt that [], who has been retired for some years now, will let it be so. You may prefer that the letter go from the Director of Personnel rather than the DCI.

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5. If you need additional background as to the events, I have an article from "Studies in Intelligence" which graphically covers the situation.

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Attachments:

- A. [] Ltr of 20 Jul 84
- B. DCI Ltr of 25 Mar 75
- C. Cable Exchange
- D. Ltr to []

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